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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

No. 8498.

To all to whom these presents shall come:

Whereas, The voice of the people is resounding through the South in a clamor of distress, seeking relief from their gravest agricultural crisis of modern years. Cotton prices are lower than the cost of production, and over-production threatens an even greater demoralization of the market. Meanwhile, in the background looms the black shadow of soil deterioration, menacing oncoming cotton farmers with the ruinous heritage of wornout land, such as has already blighted agriculture in older states; and

Whereas, Facing financial ruin, cotton farmers throughout Texas have been holding mass meetings and adding their concerted voices to the rising tide of pleas for legislative relief. Thousands have petitioned the chief executive to call a special session for enactment of laws to aid them, particularly by means of cotton acreage reduction. The welfare of civilization rests upon the shoulders of the farmer and the burden is ever a trying one. The government should be eager to extend him any reasonable assistance that he might deem necessary. If legislation can help Texas agriculture in its present emergency I believe it my duty to convoke the legislature in the interests of the State generally, as well as the tillers of the soil. I have waited and investigated until I have become convinced that a majority of Texas cotton farmers and their legislative representatives desire an emergency law, and I am now ready and glad to act in their behalf.

Now, Therefore, I, R. S. Sterling, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, hereby call a Special Session of the Forty-second Legislature to be convened in the City of Austin, Texas, commencing at twelve o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, September 8th, A. D., 1931, for the following purposes:

1. To enact such legislation as will adequately provide for soil con-

servation and the alleviation of the conditions of agriculture in Texas and establish a policy which other agricultural states may follow.

2. To consider and act on such other subjects of public importance as the Executive may, from time to time, during the session, submit by message or otherwise.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause to be impressed hereon the Seal of the State of Texas, at Austin, this the 5th day of September, A. D., 1931.

(Seal)

By the Governor:

R. S. STERLING,
Governor of Texas.

JANE Y. McCALLUM,
Secretary of State.

I, Jane Y. McCallum, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Proclamation issued by the Governor of the State of Texas on September 5th, 1931, calling a Special Session of the Forty-second Legislature to convene in the City of Austin at twelve o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, September 8th, A. D., 1931.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be impressed hereon at my office in the City of Austin, this the 6th day of September, A. D., 1931.

(Seal)

JANE Y. McCALLUM,
Secretary of State.